THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Trade names of drugs and pharmaceuticals

1742. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trade names among the drugs and pharmaceuticals in this country;

(b) whether it is a fact that large number on trade names are not warranted;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce chemical names with a prefix of the concerned pharmaceutical company; and

(d) if so, what is the progress made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Seniority list of senior Investigators

1743. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seniority list of Senior Investigators in the Central Statistical Organisation, Department Statistics has been brought out and up dated after the time bound decision of the Central Administrative Tribunal in the case of Shri Dina Nath and others V/s Union of India:

(b) whether the regularisation of the similarly placed Senior Investigators working on ad-hoc basis for more than 10 years has been completed; and

(c) if not, the time required to regularise such Senior Investigators?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Government have already assigned appropriate seniority to the applicants and interveners in compliance with the decision of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).

(b) There was no direction from the CAT regarding similarly placed Senior Investigators.

(c) Does not arise.

Declaration of Baba Saheb Ambedkar's birthday as a National Holiday

1744. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare the 14th April the birthday of Baba Saheb Ambedkar as a National holiday; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Permission to Central Government employees to practice homoeopathy

1745. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government employees, registered as Homoeopathic Medical Practitioners, are allowed to practice Homoeopathy beyond office hour on charitable grounds, without detriment to the official duties;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such permission is not granted to the persons registered in any State/Union Territory other than that in which their offices are situated; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to rectify the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.